FOLK SCENE

Observed by Eric Winter

GEORGE REID of Scottish Television has collaborated with Stuart Hopps of the Scottish Theatre Ballet to produce "An Clo Mor" (The Big Cloth) — a ballet with folk music — which is currently touring Scotland.

The ballet is based on Scottish folk stories and the music includes taped mouth-music, used by singers as an accompaniment to dancing in the Western Islands. Most of the music, however, is provided by the well known folk singer Dolinna Maclennan, born in the island of Lewis and now resident in Edinburgh. Dolinna, who performs unaccompanied songs for this production, is well known to Scottish TV audiences as presenter of STV's Gaelic programme "Beagan Gaidhlig".

She was a founder member and past president of the Edinburgh University Folk-song Society, and was singing (with Robin Gray) in the Waverley bar, as early as 1962.

An Clo Mor tours this week as follows: Thursday (tonight), Queens Hall **Dunoon;** Friday, Palace Theatre, **Kilmarnock;** Saturday, Arts Guild Theatre, **Greenock;** Monday, Bell Baxter School School, **Cupar;** Tuesday, Preston Lodge School, **East Lothian;** Wednesday, Community Centre, **Beith.**

And now for somewhere quite different — London, in fact. The Festival of Fools continues Thursday through Sunday at New Merlins Cave, Margery Street, **Mount Pleasant,** W.C.1.

Tonight (Thursday) at the Albert Club, the Pied Bull, **Islington:** Davey Murrell.

At the Shakespeares Head, Carnaby Street, **Soho:** Allan Taylor, whose new album, "The Lady", is now on general release from United Artists.

And at the Black Bull, **Whetstone** High Road: Dave and Toni Arthur with John Harrison — can't help feeling it will be a great day for brevity when they adopt a short group name, such as the Three.

At **Hammersmith,** the Prince of Wales, Dalling Road, there is a comeallye tonight.

Friday is the night on which a new club operates at the Kings Arms, High Street, **Wandsworth.** The club, which this week features Joe Stead, is called the Wild Rover folk club. If you think you are confusing it with the Wild Rover at New Town hotel, Lind Road, Sutton, Surrey, (Sundays) don't worry — you are!

Both clubs are run by Pete Custer, who hosts the sessions and has recently set up a folk music agency in south London. Pete also runs a third Wild Rover club at the Dukes Head, Addlestone, Surrey, on Mondays. This week, Malcolm Price opens the club. And this Sunday at Sutton: Bully Wee.

Saturday at Peelers, the Kings Stores, near **Liverpool St. Station:** The Johnstons. At the Troubadour, **Earls Court:** Diz Disley, of whom it will be said . . .

Sunday at Springfield Park Tavern, **Bounds Green:** John James. Sunday at the Tower Club, King William IV, **Leyton** High Street: Vin Garbutt. At the Crypt of St. Martins-in-the-field, **Trafalgar Square:** Steve Tilston, Dragon's Playground, and Dave Elliott. And at the White Hart, King Street, **Hammersmith:** Bob Blair from Scotland, Bob Bassett from Canada, and Brian Grayson from Australia.

Another new club in London — the International, Tuesdays at the Half Moon Tavern, **Herne Hill:** residents, Raggy Farmer.

Tuesday at the Rising Sun, **Catford:** Vin Garbutt. At **Chelsea** Folk, the Stanhope (opposite Gloucester Road tube station): John James. Wednesday at Dingles, **Tottenham Court Road** The Roebuck: Marc & Co. jug band.

In Sussex — Friday at the Springfield Hotel, **Brighton:** Packie (how's your stomach?) Byrne. Saturday at **Telham,** the Black Horse on the A2100 between Battle and Hastings: Foggy Dew-o. At the Pug O' Junch, Lewes Arms, **Lewes:** a comeallye.

More out-of-London dates. Tomorrow (Friday) at the Star, **Guildford:** a singers' night — which is another name for a comeallye. At the Organ Inn, **Ewell,** Surrey: Eugene Wallace.

Friday at the Rovers, **Bishops Stortford,** Herts: Talisman. At the Cellar, **Exeter:** Jack Hudson, Stepan Grossman and Tir Na Nog are in concert at the Forum Theatre, **Wythenshawe, Manchester,** and Bridget St. John and John Martyn are in a late-night show at the Wyvern Theatre, **Swindon,** Wilts.

Garstang morris men put on a Folk Feast at Salisbury Hall, near **Preston,** Lancs — six hours of booze, gluttony and music, with Bernard Wrigley, Pendlefolk, and the Coventry Mummers.

New club on Sundays at the Ship, **Beccles,** Suffolk. Policy will be to feature mainly the traditional music of East Anglia.

On Sunday at the Goat Inn, Sopwell Lane, **St. Albans,** Herts: Roy Harris from Nottingham. And on Tuesday at the Medway folk centre, the Old Ash Tree, Rainham Road, **Chatham,** Kent: Geof and Penny Harris, and the Juo.

THIS WEEK A WINTER SPECIAL: FOLK IN THE NORTH MIDLANDS

TONIGHT (Thursday) any good trade union folkie within striking distance of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, should strike out for the miners welfare centre there, where, on behalf of striking coal miners, there's a big benefit concert. The bill includes Bob Davenport, the Druids, Dave Turner, Roy Harris, Muckram Wakes and Phonograph, all of whom are to perform free.

This ambitious concert shows how flourishing is the club scene in the north midlands.

Compiling a list of folk clubs in 1959 I was able to list eight in London (including the Troubadour, Earls Court, the only London club mentioned that's still running). Out of town, there were four clubs, in Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford (the Topic), and Liverpool (the Spinners) — the last two are still in existence.

So it's a sign of the times that, in a compact area whose perimeter includes Buxton, Sheffield, Worksop, Stamford, Loughborough and Burton-on-Trent, there are now flourishing twenty-four clubs — and I can't help feeling there are one or three I have missed.

Among the best of these clubs is the Argyle club, held on Tuesday evenings at the Horse and Jockey, Cromford Road, Ripley, Derbyshire. The club runs on an "entertainment" policy, inviting country music acts such as Brian Golbey and the Rambling Boys, and firmly trad groups such as the excellent Muckram Wakes. Guests at the club include Rosemary Hardman on February 29.

Down the road at BELPER (once the constituency of Lord George Hyphenated Brown) the club meets on Saturdays at the Old Kings Head, Days Lane, off New Road.

In DERBY, the Peasmouldia club operates at the Sitwell Arms, Sacheveral Street, on Thursdays. Across in NOTTINGHAM, there's the Cluny club at the Strathdon Hotel fortnightly on Sundays. Also on Sunday the Nottingham Co-op folk club meets at the Crown Hotel.

The Co-op club is trad-based, like its neighbour the Nottingham Traditional Music Club (Fridays at the News House). I was there for the NTMC fifth birthday a couple of weeks ago, and the resident group, the Notts Alliance, made a great birthday party of the evening.

Half-way between Derby and Nottingham, the Sallowa club meets on Mondays at the Tiger Inn, LONG EATON. Organiser Jeff Howe promises a Valentines night special on Monday, and, on February 28, he says, "the singers are Unconfirmed — I've heard they're very good."

Further south-west at BURTON (you know, where the GOOD beer comes from), it's the Barley Mow, Main Street, Stapenhill, on Fridays. "We've had lots of changes of residents in our six years of existence . . . I seem to be the only permanent fixture," says Roy Mason. Jasper Carrott, who guested there recently, married this month — Hazel Jackson, a Solihull journalist, is his bride.

Move east to ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH. The folk club meets at the Blue Bell, the Callis, on Wednesdays. Further east at QUORN, near Loughborough, it's the Brandywine club at the Whitehorse Inn, fortnightly on Sundays.

In Lincolnshire, The Attic Club operates at the Millstone Inn, Ryhall, STANFORD, on Fridays — this week Group 3 in concert. At GRANTHAM, the country and folk club has a fine reputation. It meets at the Springfield Arms on Wednesdays, and this week features Big Jack. At RAF CRANWELL, there's the String-Along club on Mondays.

Back to the North Midlands. In BUXTON, the Peak club is on alternate Sundays at the Forresters, Fairfield. The Cartwheel club meets at the Belle Vue hotel, TIDESWELL, on Fridays — this week, the Mathews Brothers.

In SHEFFIELD, there's another Barley Mow club, at the Three Cranes Hotel, Queen Street, on Saturdays. Tony Rose guests there this week. At WALES, near Sheffield, the Lord Conyers club meets on Tuesdays at Kiveton Park.

Across at WORKSOP, there's a Sunday club at the Boundary Inn, Potter Street, where the standard of floor singers is very high. This week's guests: the Mathews Brothers.

A little south of Worksop, the Highway club meets at the Brown Cow, Ratcliffe Gate, MANSFIELD, on Thursdays. The club has recently moved there because it was bursting the walls of its former premises. This week's guest: Sean Cannon.

Three clubs on the outskirts of NOTTINGHAM. On Saturdays at the Wheatsheaf, Cropwell Bishop, there's a long established club founded by Dave Cooper, who now runs the Catford (London) club, and is still referred to as the Bishop of Cropwell, for services rendered to that fine Midland club, whose harmonies are known across the nation.

At Sherriffs Bar, Nottingham, the club is on Wednesdays at the Bridgford Hotel. The Singabout club meets at the Horse and Jockey, Basford, Nottingham, on Thursdays.

In UTTOXETER, Staffs, the Jacobean folk club meets at the Old Talbot on Mondays.

Local radio in the north midlands runs several folk programmes. At Radio Stoke-on-Trent, (94.6mHz) the show is "Folk Style", Thursdays at 6.40, with residents Nonesuch. In Derby (96.5 mHz) "Ketchup" is a mixture of half folk and half pop, all local. In Sheffield (88.6 and 95.05 mHz) "Folk Show" is temporarily off the air, but resumes in April. Radio Nottingham (94.8 mHz) puts out "Singabout", Sundays 2.30 repeated the following Saturday at 11.30 a.m.

I met Gina Madgett, "Singabout" producer, on my trip to the Midlands. She has sent me a lot of programme details which, together with other station details, I shall be passing on to you in a future issue of NME. This week's guests are Rod Neep and Arthur Rain, with the week's residents, Rambling Boys.

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